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identify both general resource requirements and bottlenecks during the design phase, the result is a configuration based on the actual structure of the software and the capacities of the hardware.

The paragraph beginning at page 12, line 18 is amended as follows:

In one embodiment computing system 100 includes a registry (not shown) which is a system database that holds configuration information for computing system 100. For example, Windows[®] 95, Windows 98[®], Windows[®] NT, and Windows 2000[®] WINDOWS[®] 95, WINDOWS 98[®], WINDOWS[®] NT, and WINDOWS 2000[®] by Microsoft maintain the registry in two hidden files, called USER.DAT and SYSTEM.DAT, located on a permanent storage device such as an internal disk.